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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Clare L. Hoke Jr.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Notification of Failure to Acceptably Respond to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated 9/22/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.